

THE SCHOOLBOOK SITUATION

This is the year of the great grand change in the school text books, and the result is confusion worse confounded. There may be a grain of comfort in that conditions are no worse in Pocahontas than in other counties.

To begin with the State school book board met last April and, against the advice of the State superintendent of schools, proceeded to change about every school book that could be replaced with a new book. Our Governor did what he could to relieve an oppressed people and had the supreme court to pass upon the legality of the matter, which was held to be according to the law.

By that time the summer was passing and the companies which had their books adopted were in suspense while the court proceedings were pending and did not gather books ahead. Paper and other material was scarce and at a premium, labor hard to get, and other work rushing. The result of the whole matter is that the schools of the state are opening and hundreds of thousands of children are demanding books, and the school book depositories are only able to supply them in part.

A little more than half the complete line of new books were furnished of the depositories in quantities about half sufficient to supply the demand. The first stocks are now pretty well exhausted.

The people are besieging the local book depository, and the local depository has taken the matter up with the State Depository, and no doubt they will prod the book makers to renewed activities, and as quickly as presses can run and freights deliver, the situation will be relieved.

THE GOLDEN CITY

NEW TOWN IN GREENBRIER COUNTY

Travellers on the Greenbrier Division of the C. & O. Ry. will observe a new station and industrial town on the line with a sign showing that the new stop is called Golden. This is in honor of the proprietor, Paul Golden, the Wahamaker of Marlinton, who has changed his line from neckties to railroad ties. The lumber operation is across the river on the waters of Snodgrass Run.

About the time we are going about ragged and ashamed, Col. Golden was driving a peddler's wagon. Since that time he was prospered and built up a great mercantile trade, and now goes into the lumber business exclusively.

While Elmer Poage was going over some old papers of his father, the late Rankin Poage, of Edray, he found the torn sheet of an old copy of the Pocahontas Times, dated December 13, 1863. The forty-eighth Congress has just been organized with John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, as speaker. C. B. Swecker has an auctioneer and real estate advertisement. J. B. Canfield and A. W. Suttler are marked down as the editors. The judge was H. A. Holt, States Attorney, D. A. Stoffer, Sheriff, Levi Gay, Clerk of Courts, J. J. Beard, Assessor, E. H. Moore, County Surveyor, Geo. Baxter, County court, Wm. Curry, S. H. Clark, and S. B. Hannah. G. M. Kee was a justice of Edray district and S. L. Brown a constable of Greenbank district.

Squire Gillespie was here last Friday night to ascertain the assessed value of the property in the school district of Cass. Under the new school book law a sub-district may increase the school term by a petition of the residents and an extra levy will be laid in the sub-district. This has been done in Cass, and the school will be run eight months. The extra levy amounts to five cents.

The Civil Service Commission will hold an examination for the selection of a postmaster at Boyer. The time and place has not yet been set, but will be published later. Also, the post office inspector has been directed to recommend a postmaster for the office at Frost.

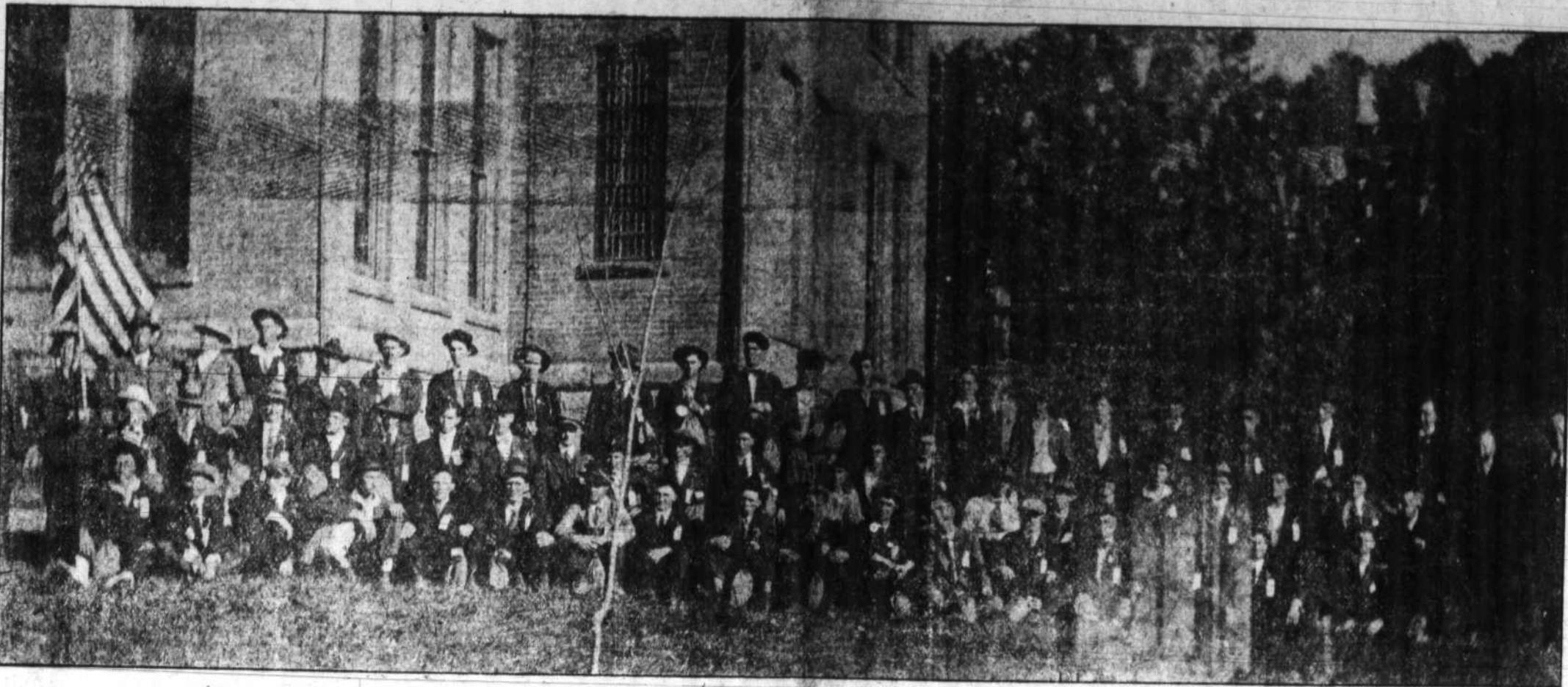
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Our Pocahontas Soldier Boys, 59 Strong, who went to Camp Lee, last Sunday.

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- 1395 Earl Welford, Buckeye.
- 1286 Page D. Waugh, Millpoint.
- 775 Orman Day McElwee, Marlinton.
- 309 Gay Campbell, Dunmore.
- 514 Chas. S. Smith.
- 433 Albert E. Harouff, Cass.
- 1329 Harlen Starcher, Lobelia.
- 1282 Albert B. Johnson, Hillsboro.
- 1236 Ben F. Kellison, Millpoint.
- 652 Paul Bripe Thompson, Arbovale.
- 182 Jesse Barygard Shafer, Durbin.

- 1020 George Wm. Hartless, Marlinton.
- 223 Frank L. Wickwire, Olive.
- 1441 Ernest Henry Curry, Jacox.
- 1456 Homer Scott, Splice.
- 983 Edgar Tallman, Stony Bottom.
- 542 John Madison Ward, Cass.
- 874 Allen C. Young, Marlinton.
- 1300 Jacob R. Welford, Hillsboro.
- 1148 Hubert M. Ervine, Huntersville.
- 905 C. Dice Louk, Cass.
- 452 Fred Lynch, Cass.
- 1334 Chas. Wm. Adkins, Seebert.

- 620 Alex Burton Gregory, Boyer.
- 1287 Clark Long, Hillsboro.
- 1276 Vency F. Dilley, Hillsboro.
- 5 Parker Arbogast, Durbin.
- 549 J. W. Bryant, Wintersburg.
- 741 Wm. C. Cole, Marlinton.
- 441 Earl M. Mann, Edray.
- 623 Forrest W. Holliday.
- 493 Everett W. Roderick, Cass.
- 923 Luke Wilson, Slaty Fork.
- 1266 Marvin Lee Tyree, Seebert.
- 637 Ona James Mullenax, Boyer.

- 1067 Clifford Nelson Adkison, Buckeye.
- 3019 Wm. Fitzpatrick, Marlinton.
- 919 Jesse Sharp, Mingo.
- 1329 Harley Elvator Brannon, Seebert.
- 1176 Harry C. Pitt, Minnehaha Springs.
- 1191 Charles Clyde McLaughlin, Huntersville.
- 1234 Andy W. Hefner, Seebert.
- 1414 Charley Wilson Neathawk, Locust.
- 292 Clyde Edward Wooddell, Greenbank.
- 312 Otis McKinley Dilley, Dunmore.
- 1343 Coby Herbert Bell, Seebert.

- 320 Edwin Price Garing, Sittlington.
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THE SOLDIERS

The biggest crowd for many a day in this town gathered Sunday afternoon to give the soldier boys a send-off. Fifty-nine of our finest went. A picture of the group and their names are printed in this paper. James M. Bear was named foreman, with John M. Ward and Clyde E. Wooddell, assistants. All but one of the men called appeared. This one is Elore Braith, a foreigner, whose whereabouts is not known. His name has been sent to the War Department. The offense is punishable by long imprisonment.

Miss Lucelle McClintie, on the part of the local Red Cross, presented each soldier with a comfort kit. Mrs. T. S. McNeel, for the ladies of Pocahontas, presented a Testament to each soldier. The music was furnished by T. C. Anderson's Band.

The troop that left here Sunday was in the highest spirits. As they went down the line they were war like. "By thunder," said a six-footer, if the Kaiser knew this Pocahontas bunch was coming after him, he would throw up his hands and quit. If the old son of a gun has got a phone I am going to call him up at Ronceverte and tell him. Henry Gilmer tore the bone out in a war speech at Ronceverte.

A crowd variously estimated at from two to three thousand people saw the soldiers off last week.

Barber Evans has the promise of enough of the Kaiser's mustache to make a shaving brush, from a valiant young recruit.

When the Campbell railroad pulled up steel on Black Mountain, a half barrel of black strap oil was left near one of the switch backs. Some of the oil leaked out and ran down over a rock, and the oil in the barrel became thick like jelly. Passing there some time ago, Fred Galford, a Forest patrolman, noticed that a big bear had been wallowing in the oil and rubbing himself with it. On another trip, Mr. Galford saw where the bear had rolled the barrel over and put his arms to the bottom of the oil. No doubt the bear found it useful in keeping off the gnats.

THE NEXT TO GO

LIST OF SOLDIERS ORDERED TO REPORT AT MARLINTON ON OCTOBER 4, PREPARATORY TO BE SENT TO CAMP LEE ON OCTOBER 5, 1917.

- 254 Benjamin Keirn, Dunmore.
- 598 Corra E. Simmons, Deer Creek.
- 945 J. U. Hevener, Clover Lick.
- 1778 Geo. D. Rimek, Rimek.
- 1222 Andrew Foss Hill, Lobelia.
- 772 John W. Miller, Marlinton.
- 1172 Joseph B. Reynolds, Denmar.
- 1114 Russell Kelley, Front.
- 574 Thomas Musto, Thornwood.
- 1432 Otto Adkison, Splice.
- 525 Clarence L. Taber, Spruce.
- 870 Marvin H. Wilong, Marlinton.
- 341 Leslie Vaughn Sharp, Dunmore.
- 1217 John Cecil Agglin, Buckeye.
- 327 Robert Lee Kessler, Dunmore.
- 1448 Gentry John McCoy, Splice.
- 1112 Edgar Wilson Herold, Huntersville.
- 392 Parker Lee Curry, Cass.
- 1282 Alex E. Cassell, Front.
- 1166 Clarence B. Moore, Huntersville.
- 588 Pinkney Samples, Wintersburg.
- 1015 Tilden Moore, Mingo.
- 944 Darius Hogan, Clover Lick.
- 790 Edward Freeman, Barlow.
- 2014 Cecil B. Shinnaher, Clover Lick.
- 1070 James Audridge, Buckeye.
- 1167 Fred B. Moore, Huntersville.
- 848 Edgar E. McMillon, Cass.
- 1206 Oley W. Jackson, Augustin.
- 1240 Sherman H. Moore, Millpoint.

ALTERNATES

- 677 Joseph H. Keister, Hosterman.
- 1417 Winnie Phillips, Locust.
- 449 Jasper H. Hinkle, Spruce.
- 388 Oliver Hunter Cassell, Cass.
- 814 Early Cogar, Woodrow.

The belted buzzard was actually seen last week, while at work on his farm, Jasper D. Dilley heard the tinkle of a bell. The sound apparently came from overhead and looking up saw a large old buzzard sailing over with a bell to be plainly seen on its neck. The bell tinkled at every movement of the old bird's body.

The war department has ordered that the next allotment of men to go to Camp Lee will be thirty per cent, instead of forty per cent, and they will leave some day between the third and the seventh of October. This means that forty-five men will go instead of fifty-nine.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of West Virginia, is holding its twelfth annual convention at Fairmont this week. Mrs. Woodyard, R. N., superintendent of nurses at the Marlinton Hospital, is in attendance, and will read a paper on "A Hospital in a Country Town."

The Charleston Gazette reports the sale of large coal and salt holdings in Mason county to the Mason Coal and Chemical Company, a new corporation, of which A. D. Williams is president. The transaction embraces millions of dollars.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. C. H. LaRue, Wednesday, October 3, 1917, at 2:30 p. m.

HILLSBORO

The autumnal days have come again, when the frost is on the pumpkins and the fodder's in the shock. The time will soon be here when nature dons her most gorgeous garb. There are no such colors as garb with which she paints the leaves just before they fall. Where is symphony more pleasing to the ear than the rustle of the tinted leaves on the forest floor. Where is there days like the golden days of Indian summer. The snap, the keenness of vitality in the tingling air moves us all.

The potato crop of the Levels is large and the wheat and corn crop will exceed that of 1916.

N. W. Beard has purchased the farm near here formerly owned by Samuel Sheets and known as the Renick place.

We were deeply impressed on last Sunday evening as we stood in the large assembly of people who had gathered at Marlinton to bid farewell and God speed to our soldier boys who were leaving for the army training camps. Our hearts were saddened as we looked upon the faces of those young men, the pride and joy of their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, cutting loose from the scenes and tender associations of home to fight and if need be die for their country. Who could look upon that scene and not have the fountains of the heart stirred to their very depths. Noble young men! patriotic young men! God bless them and with crowns of victory return them safely to their homes again. Oh, that everyone could realize the awfulness of war, and we must sooner or later, as the brief and trouble that follows in its wake, creeps into our homes. Let us all act well our part and approve and back every move of our President and all having authority over us. United we stand, divided we fall. We did not seek this war. We are not in it for aggrandizement. We were forced into it by the repeated insults of our foes, and to save ourselves from dishonor and make the world safe for democracy. We have entered it and by God's help we will open the portals of the greatest peace the world has ever known. We feel deeply grateful for the spirit that so nobly prompted our young men to respond to the call to arms all over the nation. How admirable their allegiance to the flag of their country. "For of all the signs and symbols there is never another so full of meaning to mankind as the flag of our country. That piece of red, white and blue bunting means ages of struggle upward. It is the century plant of human hope in bloom. Our flag stands for no race. It stands for men, men of any blood who will

come and live with us under its protection. It is the only banner that means mankind. It is the flag of our King; it is the flag of ourselves. Our flag means a glorious past and a still more glorious future. It is the flag of our fathers and of our children yet unborn. It stands for the open door of ambition and opportunity—of equal rights to everyone beneath the shadow of its fold. Our flag waves defiance at all the ghosts that have so long intimidated men; the ghost of monarchy, the ghost of aristocracy, the ghost of war and all their kind that still lay shadowy hands upon life of Europe and Asia. Let us thank God that we live under that flag which means the redemption of the world.

The Hillsboro schools opened September 10, with an enrollment of 113 in the graded school and 40 in the High school. The following pupils in high school have enrolled from other districts: Margaret Pritchard, Warm Springs; Ernest White, Minnehaha; Lucy McLaughlin, Richard McLaughlin and Harry Clendennin, Maxwellton, Jessie McFerrin, Renick.

Notwithstanding the lack of books the pupils and teachers are entering upon the work in good form, and indications are that the present session will be a successful one.

The Faculty for this year is the same as last year with one exception. Miss Amy Hall resigned at the close of last session. There is general regret that Miss Hall could not be with us again this year. Miss Anna Mae Moreland who taught in the Williamson High school last year, has been given the position of Parkersburg High school and Martha Washington College. In the little time she has been with us she has shown herself an enthusiastic worker.

The five members of our senior class have all enrolled for the Teachers' Training Course. While this class is smaller in numbers than last year's class, the members have earned the reputation of being good students. All are interested in the training work, and we believe they will make teachers of which our school and the county will be proud.

On Friday evening September 21, a social was given for the purpose of getting the new students acquainted. The hours were from 7:30 to 10:30. About forty pupils, teachers, and alumni were in attendance. Several forms of amusement were resorted to and all seemed to have a good social time.

In order that we may understand our mutual problems a little more clearly we wish the patrons and friends of the school to meet the teachers in the high school auditorium next Saturday evening September 29 at 8 o'clock. We believe that steps should be taken to organize permanently a parents-teachers club to the end that we may cooperate more fully and work more intelligently for the good of our school and the community.

Get ready to buy a bond next month. To farmers especially they will be attractive. They can trade them for automobiles. We look to see these bonds take the place of supplemental currency as they are easily passed along from hand to hand. This county ought to take about \$150,000 of this next issue.

"The Wonderful Event" is the title of the "Do-Children-Count" series with little Mary McAllister to be shown at Amuse next Saturday. Come early if you want a seat for the first show. Many turned away last Saturday.

Colors for the week: Green and gold.

should have been hailed with delight by every parent in this district as the greatest event that had ever transpired before in all the history of past events. But like everything else, but very few persons were present to greet the teachers who had come so far to try and be of some assistance in the educational advancement of our boys and girls. Parents, where are you? We think your place should have been at the school building to get acquainted with the teachers who are to take care of your boys and girls for a term of nine long months, and give them a hearty welcome into your hearts and homes. Mr. B. B. Williams, our worthy county superintendent, and Mr. Snyder, of Marlinton, were present to help in the demonstration of joy at the opening of the high school, only three patrons of the school were present and they were employed to equip the house with desks. Let us have your hearty co-operation in this great enterprise, if it is to be a success in the future. We all lack enthusiasm. Let us all awake and assist in this great work of educating the rising generation. As everything hangs on this great question: What is a young man and young lady expected to do in this old world without an education—Echo answers—What?

The new threshing machine belonging to Hoover & Co., of Arbovale is threshing in this community. It is run by a gasoline engine and is a wonder. No hand cutter is needed, and it is said that it only requires six men when the grain is in stack, to thresh, and no horses to feed.

Fred Mooman and J. R. Gum have built silos and filled them with frosted corn this year. Every farmer should have one this year, especially this year when all corn was frosted.

The protracted meeting at Wesley Chapel, conducted by Revs. Echols and Pugh, is doing wonders—35 professions and 15 penitents at the altar Sunday.

First Lieutenant William C. Slusher, of the medical reserve corps, has been ordered to visit Ronceverte, Marlinton, Elkins, Gassaway, Richwood, Point Pleasant and Spencer, in the order named, for duty in connection with the medical reserve corps of the army.

Married, September 19, 1917, Floyd J. Carpenter and Miss Maud S. Adkison of Spruce Flats, by Rev. Wm. T. Price, D. D. at "River View." A wide circle of friends and relatives congratulate these happy young people.

Commissioner J. E. Buckley will go to Webster Springs next week to work on the case of the C. P. Dorr estate which is still in his hands.

GREENBANK

We are having very fine fall weather, only too dry for fall grass but fine for drying out corn and buckwheat. The latter crop is fine.

The Greenbank High school opened on last Monday with 27 pupils enrolled and more to enter soon. Prof. W. P. Haught is principal.

Our soldier boys have gone from us and we miss them, Oh, so much, while our sympathy goes with them and our prayers follow them, and our eyes are filled with tears. We will ever hope to see their many faces some day return home to brighten the faces of fond fathers and mothers.

September 24 was set for opening the High school at Greenbank, which

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